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## **Newly Constructed Water Tank Increases Water Pressure for Tysons Corner Area Water Customers**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. - The City's year and a half effort to construct its new water tank in Tysons Corner, Virginia was completed and brought on line this past weekend. As a result, the City's Tysons Corner and Dunn Loring customers will experience a noticeable increase in water pressure by nearly 20 pounds per square inch. Customers who previously experienced very low water pressure will notice a significant increase in pressure.

The City initiated its Water System Improvements Project to remedy low water pressure in the Tysons Corner area. The City of Falls Church services water to approximately 130,000 customers – 90 percent of those reside in Fairfax County. To increase the area's pressure, expand the available water storage capacity, and improve the fire protection for the Tyson's Corner area, the City removed the existing 40-year-old water tank and rebuilt a new tank that is 42 feet higher and increases the tank's water capacity from 1.6 million to 2.2 million gallons of water.

Additional improvements made to the City's water system include the completion of an underground pumping station at the Dunn Loring tank site that pumps 10 million gallons of water per day; and the installation of 4,200 linear feet of 12-inch water main along Gallows Road from the Dunn Loring tank to the Merrifield area and two pressure-reducing valve stations to isolate the Lee Highway and Fairfax Circle areas that previously experienced high water pressure.

The City's next steps are to upgrade its Scotts Run and George Mason pumping stations, investing over eight million dollars towards these improvement efforts.

"This group of projects taken as a whole ensures the City will be able to provide adequate water pressure and flow to the Tysons Corner area for the next 20 years or more," says Director of Public Utilities Robert Etris.

The City received a supplemental water supply from the Fairfax County Water Authority while improvements were being made to the Tysons water system.

For more information about the Tysons Corner Water System Improvements Project, please contact the Department of Public Utilities at 703-248-5080.

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